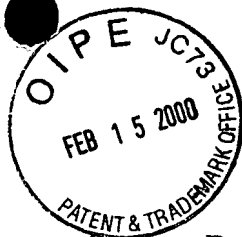


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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 15, 1999, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

✓ On page 5, at line 15, please change "196" to -- 186 --.

✓ On page 6, at line 2, after "close proximity" please insert "( $<2$  inches)".

✓ On page 8, at line 5, please replace "converyor" with -- conveyor --.

On page 8, at line 6, after "channels.", please insert the following:

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In the preferred embodiment, the read-out from the MCA is presented for display by a computer 74 or other type of programmable logic controller, which is also in communication with the microwave receiver 62, if present.

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